

**Valentine Crawford to George Washington, October 1, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD.**

FORT FINCASTLE <sup>1</sup> otobr 1th 1774

DEAR SIR

In the Hurrey of My Bisness I have just time to give you a Line or two by Lord Donmore Express to Lett you Now how we goe on in this quarter with the Inden war Which is as follow—his Lord Ship Erived here yesterday with about 1200 Men 700 of which Came by water with His Lord Ship and 500 Come under My Brother william Com by Land with the Bulocks and his Lord Ship has Sent him with 500 Men and 50 pack horses and 200 Bulocks to Mee[t] Colo Lewis att the Mouth of Hockhocking Below the Mouth of the Litle Kenaway and he is to build a Stockade fort or a Large block house which he is to build in one of your bottoms below the Mouth of the Kenaway and his Lord Ship is to goe by water with the Rest [of the] Troups in a few days we where in hopes of a peace being Concluded between his Lord Ship and the Indens but on Wensday Morni[n]g Last we had Marked by the Indens one man and his wife and Several prisoners tacken of ten Miles Creeke which Elarmed his Lord Ship Much as the Indens had been pesable for Som time and Som of the differant Nations had Mett him att Fort Donmore and has promisd to Meet [him] att the Mouth [of] Hockken<sup>2</sup> to aComadate a peace which we all hope for if we Can get it on good terms that we May be able to [be] Esisting you in Releving the poer Distrass Bostonins if the Report here is true that generall gage has Bumbaded the City of Boston which is

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a Most Elarming Circumstance and Calls on Every frend to the Liberty of his Contra [to]  
Exert them Selves at this time in our Contras Case<sup>3</sup>

you Seeme to Scencer<sup>4</sup> Me hard in My Conduct of your bisness but times has been in  
great Confusion here with us and Som of the people I had to deale with wase vere grate  
vilons and tuck great advantages of the times I wrote you verey fully how your affairs in  
My hands wase and I hope you Excuse My Not giving of Mr young as Saterfactray account  
of things as I Could Wish and I Most Solemly declar I Sent you Severell Litters which you  
Say Never Came to hand and you Likewise Make Mention of Som Letters you wrote Me  
which I have Never Seen I Expect to if pleas god I am Speard to bee down att your house  
by Crismas and to Remove those Reports you have heard of My Conduct and Setle Every  
thing as Much to your Satisfaction as in My power

and I am dere Sir your Most Hble Sarvent VALE: CRAWFORD NB My trip down the River  
this Somer will Much Inable Me if you Should Chuse to send Me down on your bisness  
Next Spring in Case a pese is Concluded with the Indens give My Compliments to doctr  
Crage if you should see him

1 Afterwards Fort Henry. This fort was situated on the site of the present city of Wheeling, W. Va.

2 Hockhocking.

3 Country's Cause.

4 Censure.